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Letter from Jonathan Potter to James B. Finley

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Mr. James W. Vinley
Chaplain of the Ohio
State Prison. Columbus
Ohio.

Brookfield N.Y.
March 10th

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Brookfield Madison County N.Y. March 9th 1847

Dear Sir, I received a letter from you the second of this month dated the 15th of Nov. last and should have answered it sooner had my Mother's sickness not prevented. As it respects your letter I conclude it must have been my brother George as I had a brother George L. Potter. Although I little thought he would ever have been a candidate for the state prison as a criminal, for he always bore a respectable character here. He was thirty two years old he was a single man. by trade a tanner and courier. he was here three years ago last February, he had lived some in Black River Country in this state, He was worth some property to the value of five or six hundred dollars. And I wish you to inform me what his crime was and how long he had been in prison, And also if he left any property - I am Dear Sir your
ob. S^{vt}

Mr. James W. Vinley

Jonathan Potter